(c) the number of persons employed in this sector at the outset and at the end of the decade?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The annual growth rates of small scale industries sector achieved during the decade of nineties is as follows:

Year	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Growth (%)	9.1	3.1	5.6	7.1	10.1
Year	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Growth (%)	11.4	11.3	8.4	7.7	8.1

(c) The number of persons provided with employment in this sector at the outset and at the end of the decade *i.e.* in 1990-91 and in 1999-00 was 125.3 lakhs and 178.5 lakhs, respectively.

Share of SSIs in Industrial Development

†1691. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the share of the small scale industries in Industrial development;

(b) if so, the share in percentage value of total industrial production in the country during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and first nine months of 2002-03; and

(c) the capital invested in small scale sector during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As there is a time gap of about six to nine months in availability of data, the data on share of small scale industries with that of total industrial production of the country and total capital invested for first nine month of the year 2002-03 is presently not available. The estimated share of the small scale industries in total industrial production in the country and capital invested during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 is as under:

Year	Share of SSI in total Industrial production of the country	Capital Invested (Rs. in Crores)
2000-01	39.91%	79702
2001-02	39.63%	84329

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.